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NO WORDS After three days of not knowing, it's the unspeakable moment of truth for Leni, the widow of Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo and their three daughters (at left). President Aquino, who accompanied the remains of Robredo from Masbate to Naga City on Tuesday, leads the mournful march. Also in photo are DOTC Secretary Mar Roxas, Budget Secretary Butch Abad and Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin.

P-Noy brings Jesse home



GRIPPING VIDEO All eyes are glued to the computer screen as volunteer diver Matt Reed shows the video of the discovery of the plane wreckage and the body of Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo. Among those watching at the command center were Transportation Secretary Mar Roxas, Budget Secretary Florencio Abad and Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin.

Robredo to receive honors at state funeral

By Michael Lim Ubac in Masbate City and Juan Escandor Jr. in Naga City

"I THINK he wants to bring a friend home," Budget Secretary Florencio Abad told the INQUIRER at the Masbate airport.

At high noon yesterday, President Aquino took home the remains of Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo, fulfilling a promise to his grief-stricken family.

"Ma'am Leni, kids here. Honors drumming slow cadence, trumpet with mournful wail. So so tearfully sad. You're home now Jesse," Transportation Secretary Mar Roxas said in a Twitter message addressed to Robredo's wife Maria Leonor upon landing with the President in Naga Airport.

Mr. Aquino flew from Manila to Masbate City upon hearing the news that Robredo's body had been recovered three days after his plane crashed into the sea. He accompanied the flag-draped casket bearing Robredo's body on the C-130 Hercules on the flight to Naga City.

Last night, the President signed Proclamation No. 460 declaring the

P-NOY BRINGS A8

Timeline: Masaleo, deep-sea search/rescue/retrieval / A8

He was always hurrying home

By Conrado de Quiros

COMMENTARY

I'M SURPRISED to remember that I met Jesse Robredo only in the late 1980s. I feel like I've always known him. I left Naga where I grew up (I wasn't born there, I was born in Manila) after high school and have been going back there only sparingly, on the occasions that I'm invited to talk.

I had heard about Jesse throughout the 1990s but hadn't met him. I met him constantly enough on a plane, in circumstances believers in these things might call an omen. Or signs, as Rivadance call it.

I hadn't been to Naga for about five years or so and was looking forward to it. I had been invited to talk in a literary event and was eager to meet the writers. While we were in midair, Francis Soler, Jesse's aide, came

HE WAS A20

'Still, we grieve, oh, we grieve for Jesse'

By TJ Burgonio, Kristine Felisse Mangunay and Norman Bordadora

CHAMPION of good governance. Gift of God. Pathfinder. Exceptional public servant. Gone too soon.

These were among the heartwarming words used by colleagues and friends to describe Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo after his body was recovered yesterday from the Piper Seneca plane that plunged into the waters off Masbate City.

STILL A17

Survivor tells story of last moments before crash

By Jonas Cabiles Soltes
Inquirer Southern Luzon

MASBATE CITY—It was a toss-up between hitting a population center and the sea with the crippled aircraft approaching the Masbate Airport.

Capt. Jessup Bahinting decided to head for the water instead, sparing casualties on the ground but losing himself Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo, his copilot and his own life as well, in the tragic crash of the twin-engine Piper Seneca at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Senior Insp. June Paolo Abrazado, the only survivor, recounted the harrowing moments before the aircraft fell off Masbate City in a three-page

SURVIVOR A8

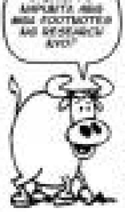
Ninoy Day: Courage, medals of valor, a song

By Erika Sauler and Jerome Aning

THE YOUNGEST of them spoke about courage, while another spoke about the need to continue fighting for freedom. A third speaker sang a song about sunshine.

The three of them—Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim, former Sen. Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel Jr. and aspiring politician Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV—all spoke about an opposition leader whose martyrdom cleared the way for the return of

NINOY DAY A11



Pia: Research, not plagiarism

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

THE DEPTH of one's research can be proven when the writer or researcher cites the authors and other authorities quoted in the work.

Thus spoke Sen. Pia Cayetano who had her turn in the hot seat earlier this week after Filipino bloggers accused her of using quotes without attribution in her speeches.

Cayetano fired a volley of tweets after a

PIA: RESEARCH A11

Meet divers from Cebu resort who found plane

By Jhunnex Napallacan and Irene Sino Cruz
Inquirer Visayas

CEBU CITY—The three technical divers from Malapascua Island, a popular diving spot in northern Cebu, succeeded in locating the ill-fated Piper Seneca plane used by Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo, because of their training and experience, according to their associates.

MEET A17

Netizens' outpouring of laments at feverish pace • GA scrambles to honor Robredo in death / A17

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Ateneo backs Church on RH

Jesuit university affirms stand as profs face heresy charges

FACULTY members who are facing possible charges of heresy for supporting a population control bill aren't getting any sympathy from Ateneo de Manila University.

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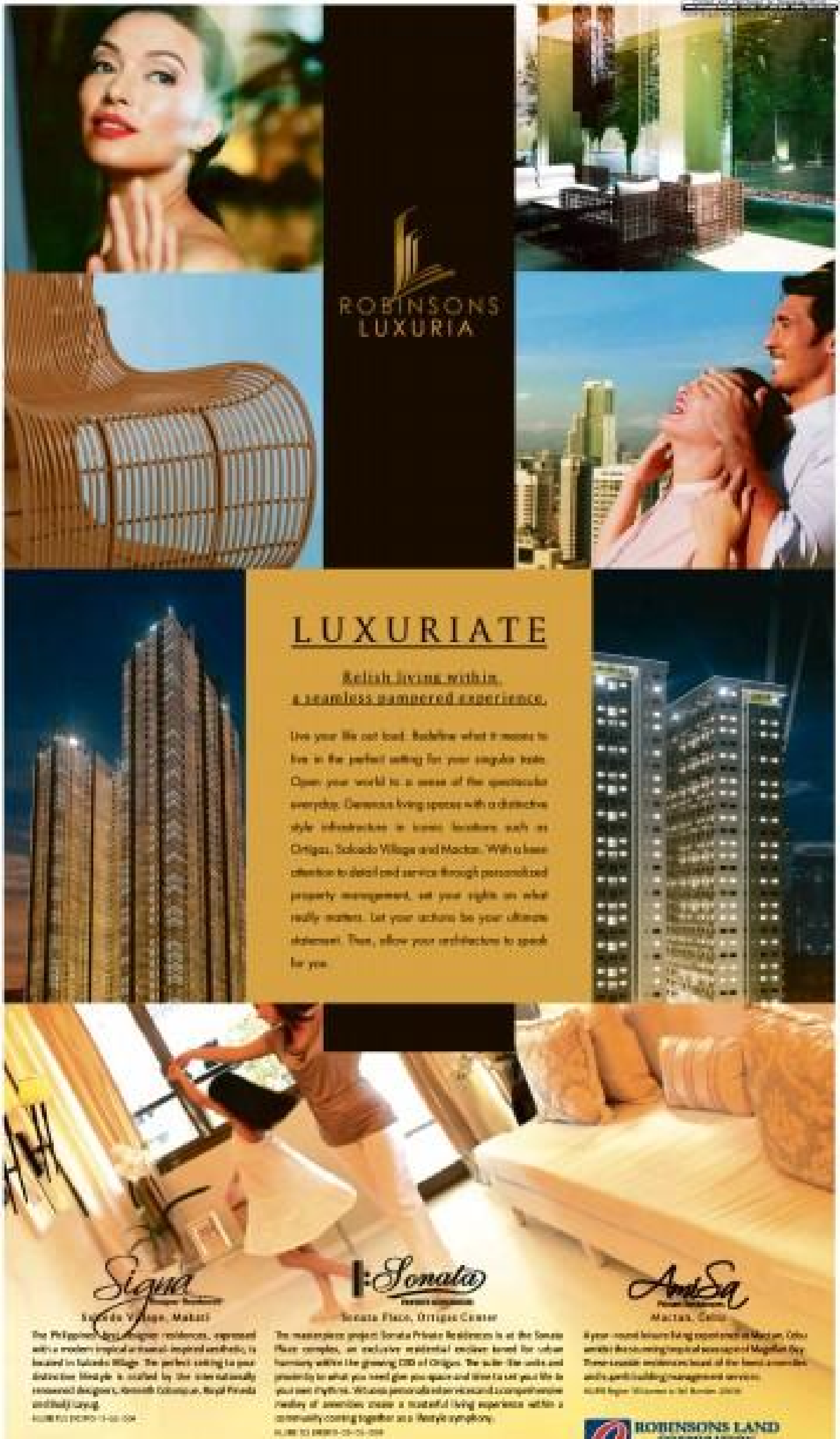
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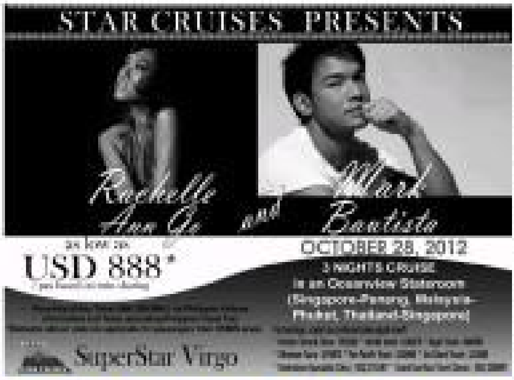
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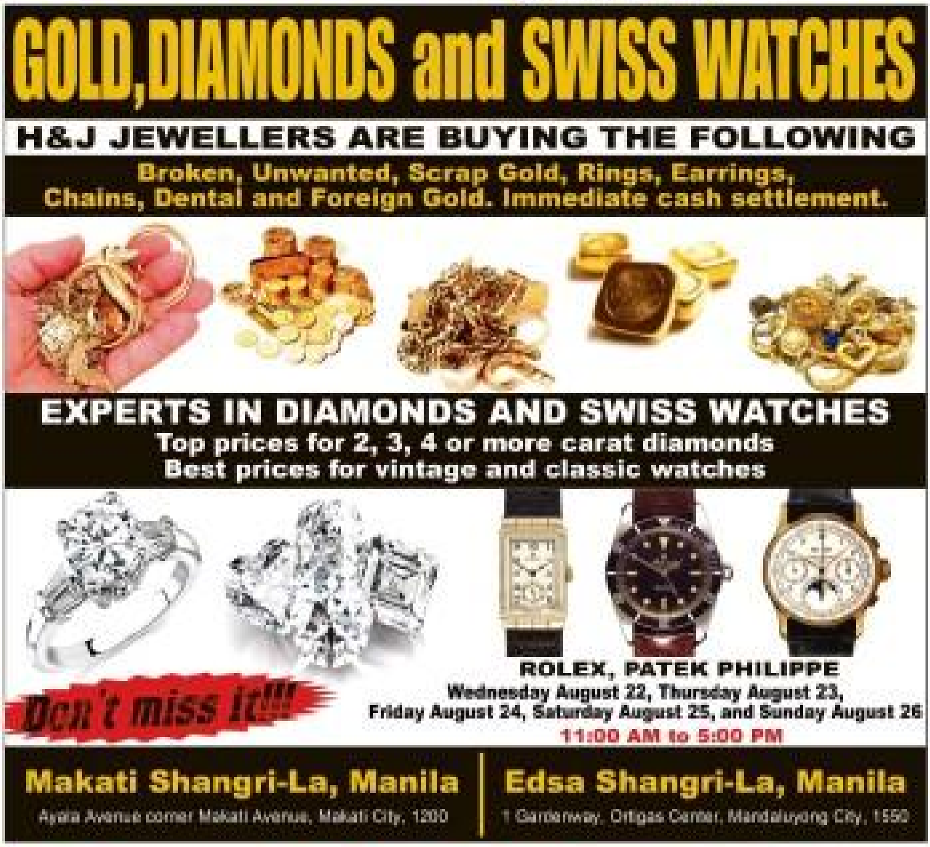


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Solons lament declining quality of Pinoy envoys









2 fugitives fall

By Joselyn R. Uy

The Daily Gospel

Rice import cuts spurred smuggling–Pangilinan

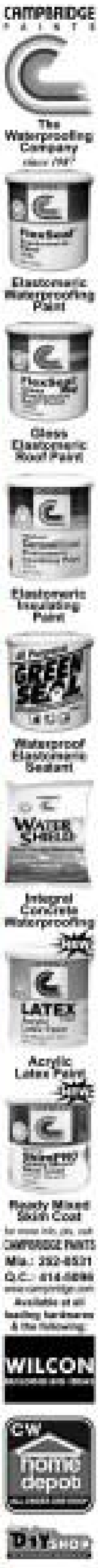
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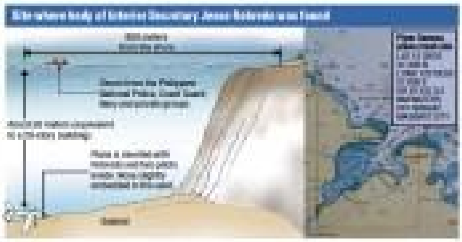








P-Noy brings Jesse home; state funeral set



Found near the door

P-Noy's initial reaction

'Absolute' confirmation

'Complicated'

Somber ceremonies

All hands on deck

TIMELINE: Massive, deep-sea search/rescue/retrieval operations

Survivor tells story of last moments before crash

Like bomb explosion

Nowhere in sight

Danger signs

'Check engine' warning

Fewer Filipinos tying the knot, gov't stats show

By EDC Cabanangan

FEWER Filipinos have been tying the knot in the past decade as marriage has taken a low priority for courting couples because of rising poverty.

The recent National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) report on the declining number of marriages from 2001 and 2010, particularly church weddings, was "only a manifestation of [the] poverty and helplessness of the majority in our country today" said Pangasinan Rep. Kimi Cojuangco.

In a report released last June, the NSCB reported that the number of registered marriages had dropped by 13 percent from 559,162 in 2001 to 482,480 in 2010. The NSCB said this represented an annual compounded decline rate of 1.5 percent during the period, in contrast with the estimated 2 percent population growth rate during the period.

"Family units are saddled with severe problems of providing for their children and making ends meet, so unfortunately marriage is the farthest [thing] from their minds, much less dreams," said Cojuangco.

The NSCB survey showed that church weddings were the hardest hit by the decline with only 149,233 marriages in 2010, down by 14 percent from 157,413 in 2001.

Church weddings accounted for only 31 percent of total marriages in 2010, down from 38.1 percent in 2001, behind civil weddings with a 44.4-percent share.

"Majority of Filipinos are poor and they don't have access to Catholic churches. Many in the poor municipalities just walk to their municipal and can ask their local officials to legalize their union as husband and wife. This could be one factor. The cost of having a church wedding could be another factor in the rise of civil marriages," said Cojuangco.

"Worse yet, I have encountered many couples with children that don't even [know] to consider getting married," she said.

Cojuangco, a reproductive health (RH) bill advocate, said this has made it an imperative for the state to help alleviate the situation.

"The principles in the RH bill can have a profound effect in helping couples, families and future generations live a decent life," she said.

The DOTC, together with the LTO, will improve LTO offices all over the country, raising their standards to levels suitable for servicing the public. The project is in fulfillment of the commitment of the Government to provide Convenient, Affordable, Reliable, Efficient, and Safe transport services. Interested parties are invited to participate in the OPEN and TRANSPARENT bidding process for the P111 MILLION REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF LTO OFFICES PROJECT.

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43 San Juan District Office	[illegible]	[illegible]
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47 Improvement of Building / [illegible], LTO Quezon City Licensing Center	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Ninoy Day focuses on courage, medals of valor, a song

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Freedom fighters

Fight for freedom

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Part of process

Slight hike in HK tourist arrivals noted







By Joselyn R. Sy

THE DEPARTMENT of Tourism has observed a slight increase in the number of Hong Kong tourists visiting the Philippines despite a "black travel" advisory issued against the country two years ago.

"The decline has been arrested," said Daniel Corpuz, undersecretary for tourism planning and promotions, in an interview with reporters on the sidelines of a national travel exhibit recently held in Pasay City.

Corpuz recently showed the number of visitors from Hong Kong jumped by two percent in the first semester of this year from the 178,000 arrivals recorded during the same period of last year, according to Corpuz.

He said the government, including the DOT, continued to appeal to Hong Kong authorities to lift the travel ban, which was issued two years ago after a bungled rescue of Hong Kong tourists held hostage in a bus resulted in the deaths of eight tourists.

No lifting

"There is no official lifting yet of the so-called blacklist," said Corpuz.

He added that dialogues with Hong Kong executives were continuing with Philippine consulate officials. The DOT has also been inviting Hong Kong officials for familiarization tours of the Philippines.

And two months ago, the tourism agency "informally invited" some officials of the Hong Kong Tourism Board for a three to three-day visit to Manila, Corpuz disclosed.

Early this year, the DOT also met with the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong (TICHK) in a bid to convince it that the country was safe for tourists.

The TICHK is an influential umbrella organization of travel agencies in Hong Kong, the counterpart of the Philippine Tourism Authority and the Philippine Tour Operators Association.

The DOT also invited leaders of selected travel agencies in Hong Kong for a familiarization tour late last year.

Hostage incident

Hong Kong put the Philippines on its travel blacklist in reaction to the botched rescue on Aug. 23, 2010, of Hong Kong tourists held hostage by a disgruntled Manila police officer. The former policeman, Rolando Mendoza, held the busload of tourists hostage for 10 hours at Rizal Park in a desperate attempt to get his job back. A breakdown in negotiations led Mendoza to fire shots in the bus, killing eight tourists and injuring many others. Mendoza was eventually killed by a police sniper.

Corpuz said they were generally optimistic that arrivals from all markets, including Hong Kong, would continue to increase.

"Our projections show all markets will increase in varying degrees but we have to have massive improvement and expansion of our international gateways—the current airports in Puerto Princesa, Tagbilaran, Iloilo as well as Clark," said Corpuz.

He also noted that in order to exceed targets, there was also a need to boost the frequency of routes, increase airline seats and offer new tourism packages to potential visitors.









PH ratifies international seafarers' bill of rights

By Tina G. Santos

Seafarers' rights

Fourth pillar

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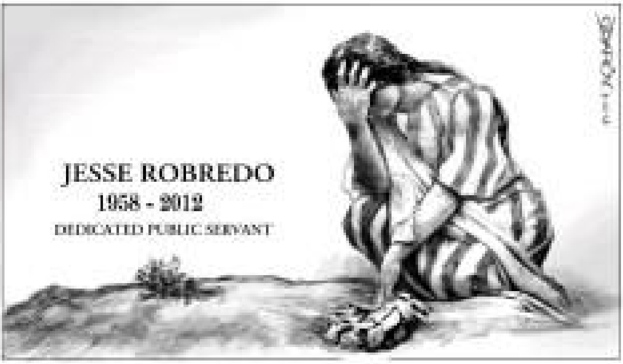
OPINION

A rare man

EDITORIAL

HOW DO we mourn the passing of Jesse Robredo? Let us, for a start, recall his words. [illegible]

Jesse Robredo was that rare man. We grieve for him.



War of the telcos: Who offers the best plan?

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

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Miracles

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

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Welcoming him home

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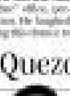
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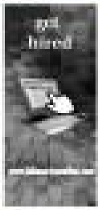


An L-shaped stone in Quezon's ureter

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo





FOI law: Why it could be just wishful thinking

LETTERS





THE HOUSE of Representatives led by Speaker Feliciano Belmonte pays its last respects to the late Rep. Sonny Escudero.

Sonny was a good human being and friend

One-sided news report





Netizens' outpouring of laments at feverish pace

'Still, we grieve, oh, we grieve' for 'best president we never had'

CA scrambles to honor Robredo in death

Meet the divers from a Cebu diving resort who found plane

Across the NATION



Radicals running Kato group–MILF

COTABATO CITY—A more radical leader has taken charge of renegade Moro guerrillas who launched a series of attacks on civilian communities that authorities said were aimed at sabotaging peace talks between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), according to the MILF.

Vizcaya townsfolk slam defective projects



No land found for homes for victims of 'Sendong'

In Bacolod, a recollection of Robredo's dread of small planes

By Carla P. Gomez



INQUIRER Northern Luzon

How Tarlaqueños remember Ninoy

Concepcion, Tarlac

WHERE BEFORE, essay-writing contests were even held among the young to bring out their thoughts about Tarlac's hero, today there isn't much of the fervor, not even the yellow ribbons displayed in the province whenever Aug. 21 comes.

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"Tarcy ni Kris"

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THE ANCESTRAL house of the Aquino family in Concepcion, Tarlac.



TARLAC officials release yellow balloons to remember former Sen. Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. on his 29th death anniversary.

He was always hurrying home; now he was unduly delayed



HE WANTS TO BRING A FRIEND HOME

Too big a fish

Naga City mayor

Amazing transformation

Obstacles, pain

Brainstorming with SPI

Things from the heart



US, UK hail Robredo brand of public service

SPORTS

David fires Gilas five past Korea in thriller

By Musong R. Castillo



RP U-18 stuns Taiwan, gains q'finals



GAME HERO Jerie Pingoy drives all two Chinese Taipei defenders in Tuesday's encounter.

Cbot's squad dedicates win to mourning Pinoys

By Musong R. Castillo

Dragon boat paddlers eye medals

Lady Stags eclipse Suns

San Sebastian averts late collapse, posts 2nd win



High School for Sports gets House approval

UST, FEU beach spikers out to keep UAAP titles

Corpuz fave in P10-M PPT tilt



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Will Tiu provide finesse to ROS?

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Garcia ends PGA drought

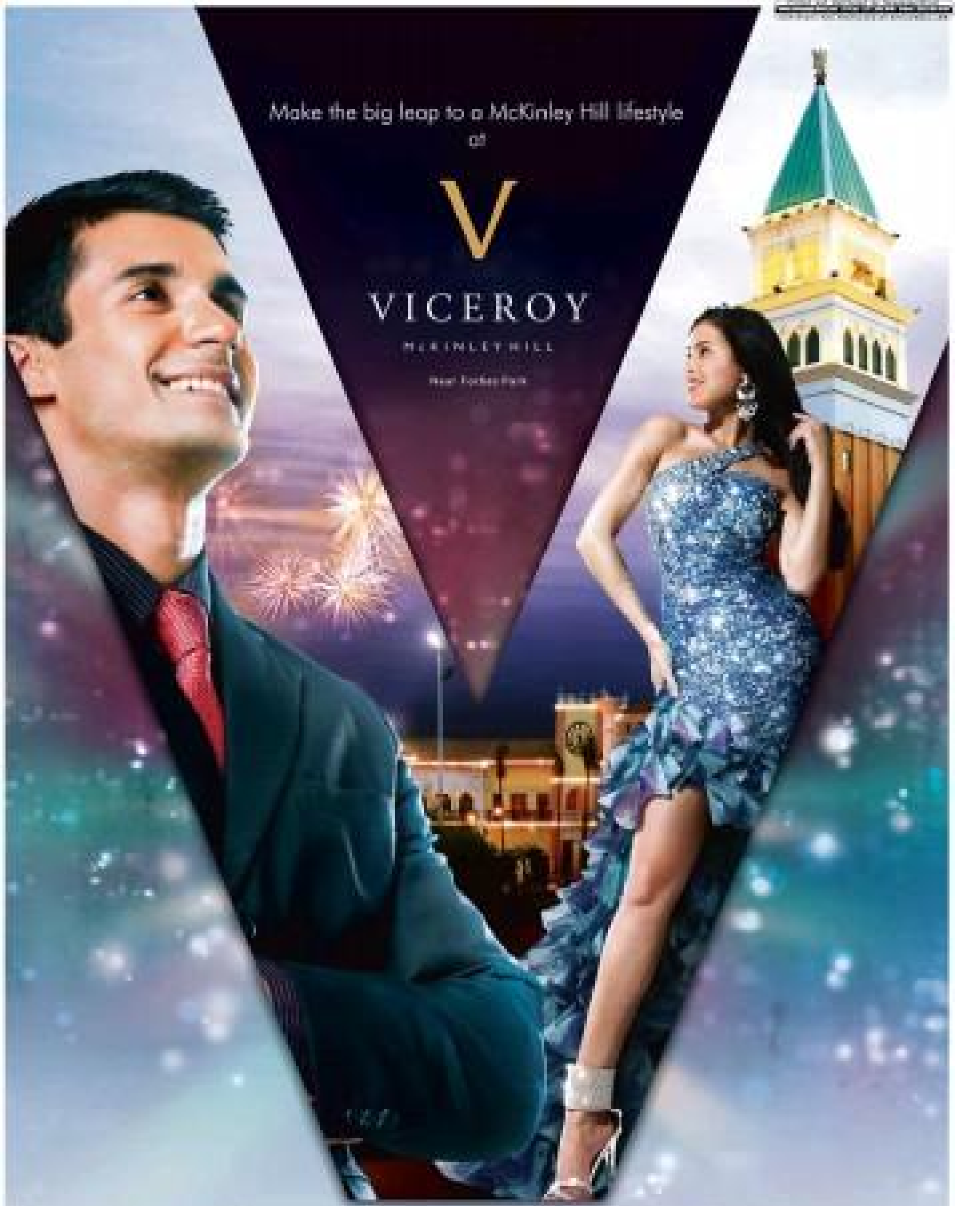
Miriam, CEU, EAC early WNCAA pacesetters



Amit, Centeno win again in world 10-ball

Pasay 'Big Event' 8-stag derby blasts off Aug. 27

LGBA Breeder of the Year race resumes Friday



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His Payatas home gets surprise makeover

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Urban poor on Robredo death: Why him?



Foundation probes 'forced' eye donation

Claudine, Raymart to appeal junked amparo petition vs Tulfo brothers

Forgotten bat a booboo for burglars

MetroBriefs

2 more 'salvage' victims in QC; 8 bodies just this month

Aid pours in for MMDA aide

The WORLD

Ecuador president's decision backed



THIS IMAGE shows an artist rendition of the proposed InSight Lander which will check out what makes the Martian core different from Earth's.

Nasa mulls 2016 mission to measure 'Marsquakes'

Obama threatens force versus Syria

WASHINGTON—President Obama warned Syria on Monday that it would face American military intervention if there were signs that its arsenal of unconventional weapons was being moved or prepared for use.

Argentina wants foreigners to vote

Jail Norway massacre gunman forever, say families of victims

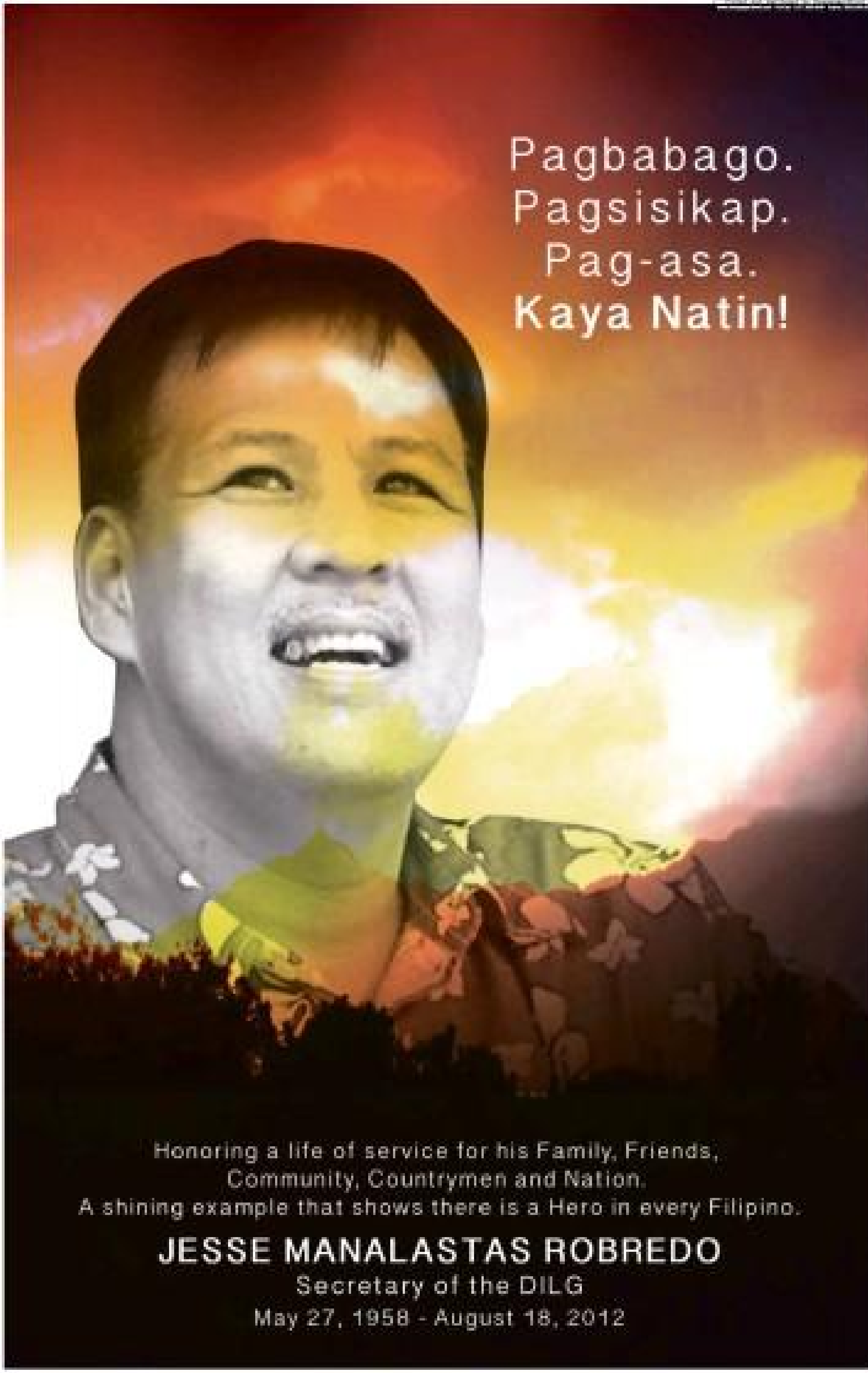
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Venezuela prison riot kills 25

Mali forms new caretaker gov't

Japanese reporter killed

Ethiopian PM Meles dies



The Metro Pacific Group of Companies condole with the Nation with the passing of a true public servant and a great Filipino.

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Part of expansion into renewable energy

LEADING power distributor Manila Electric Co. plans to venture into the renewable energy-generation business beginning with an investment in a potential 300-megawatt wind farm in Laoag, Ilocos Norte, the company's chief executive said.

Citi bullish on gaming sector

Bloomberry, Belle, Alliance Global to gain

Trans-Asia Oil net profit up 70%

Philippine Stock Exchange

Meralco

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The Energy Regulatory Commission recently approved the much-awaited FIT rates for four renewable energy resources, which represents the subsidy consumers will have to give incentives to the industry: P9.68 a kilowatt-hour for solar, P8.53/kWh for wind, P6.63/kWh for biomass and P5.90/kWh for hydropower projects. The ERC deferred fixing the FIT rates for ocean thermal energy conversion resource for further study and data gathering.

"The more you get grid-competitive, rate, the better it is for the consumers," Reyes said.

People, Events & Products

Globe, RIM unveil new promos for BlackBerry users on prepaid

BPI extends deadline for outstanding children of OFWs search entries



CAMPI AIDS RED CROSS' RELIEF EFFORTS

Bits & Chips

A private designer sale

Shell fuels the fun at the 4th PH Int'l Motor Show



NEECE SKIN 'N FACE HELPS FLOOD VICTIMS

The best of Nueva Vizcaya products go south at Festival Supermall



THE GENERICS PHARMACY BAGS CITATIONS

CDO Foodsphere beefs up livelihood program in Valenzuela



MOM JOINS GREEN LIFESTYLE SHOW



₱500-M night club



Swift proposal

SEC outsider, insider

Weakness seen

Car firms plan to try hybrid vehicles in PH

Further cut in reserve requirement eyed

Plan to free additional funds for investment, lending

Want additional income? Try scavenging!

MONEY MATTERS

Efren H. Cruz



BIR expects P154B in additional revenue from sin tax reform

Bank resources up 5% to P7.7T

COL posts 14.7% rise in H1 profit

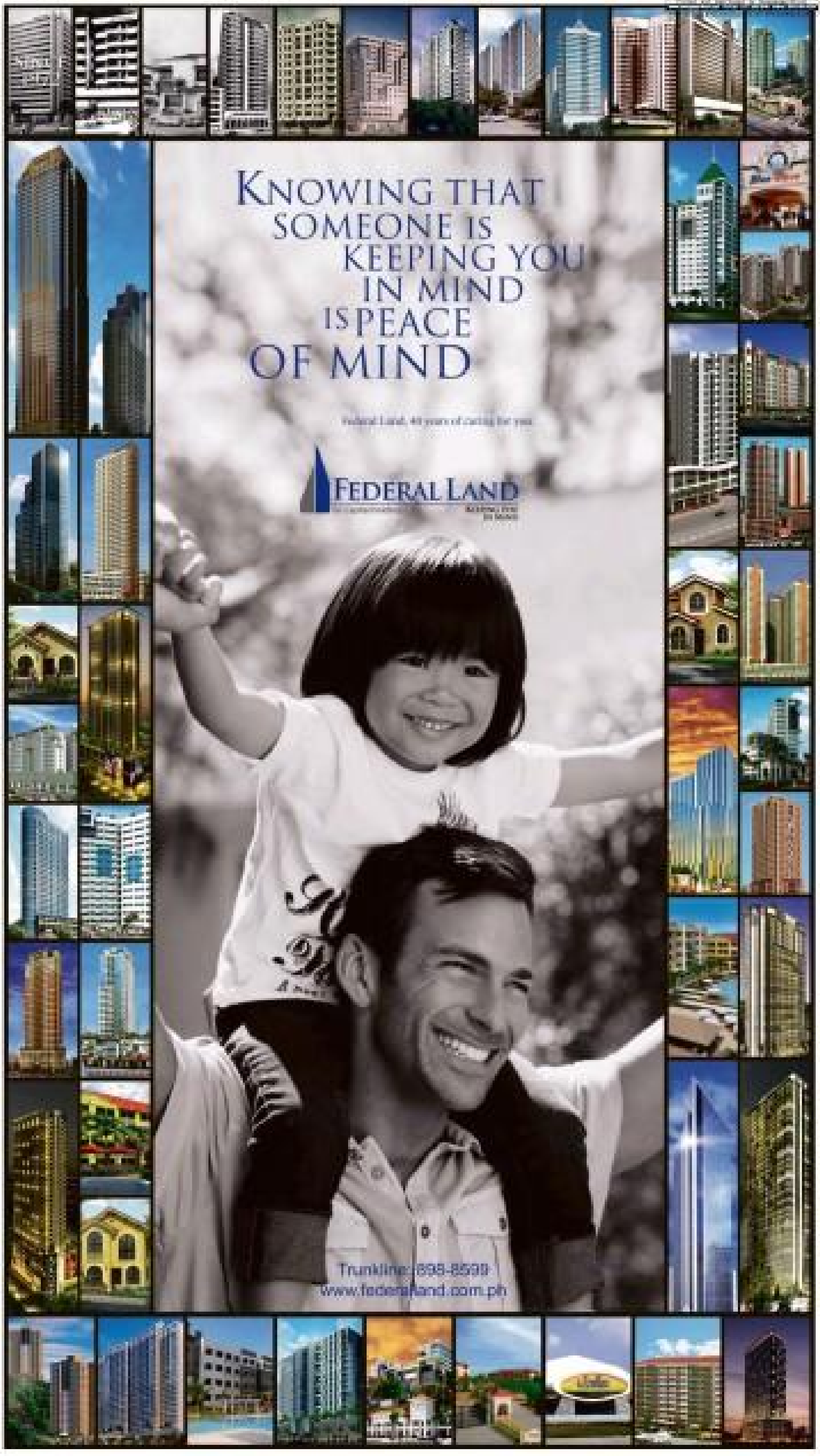
Mobile browsing boosts Globe's 1st half service revenues

Play online games for a chance to fly for free on Singapore Airlines

Plus a trip to Toulouse, France to experience SIA's newest A380 and 25,000 KrisFlyer miles for highest scoring Philippine-based player

BOC renews warning against mail scam

By Roumel W. Domingo


KNOWING THAT
SOMEONE IS
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FEDERAL LAND

MOTORING

Editor Jorge R. Arnaiz

Filipino power in Formula Green

What will it take to allow us to progress to modern, and eco-friendly transport ?

By Jennifer San Pablo
Contributor

THE PHILIPPINES has always been associated with the iconic jeepney since its inception in World War II. The vibrantly colored vehicle, which was produced from reconfigured US army Jeeps, is still the main mode of transport for the country's booming population of 90 million people. But if we are serious to be "world class," are we addressing our transport outlook in the same manner as our prosperous neighbors ?

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Catalysts of change

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THE CHRIS Lacson-designed Formula Green electric race car debuts in Singapore in 2015.



TRANSPORT designer Lacson

FILIPINO B2-2

Everybody wins with the Porsche Training Center



On the Road

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza





All-New Ford Ranger achieves 19.44 kpl in fuel economy run



Filipino power in Formula Green









Quick car makeovers

What to do when your car needs oomph!



PUTTING chin spoilers can change the look of your car.



THE BIGGER the wheel, the more expensive it becomes.

Preventing road rage (and avoiding angry netizens)



Toyota PH provides reprieve to owners of flood-soaked vehicles

By Charles E. Buban



TMP offers 40-percent discount on replacement ECU, 20-percent discount on affected parts and 20-percent discount on labor

MOTORING

'Campi-han' spells success for 4th edition of PIMS





Dream

The 370z designer is a proud Pinoy





NMPI president Allen Chen (right) with Rodriguez.

Find your passion

A close look at the new model launches

Kia optimizes the sedan

Mitsubishi reenters the subcompact race with the all-new Mirage

Nissan's hidden gems: 370Z and Juke



MITSUBISHI Motors Philippines Corp. president and CEO Mitsuhiro Shiba presents the new Mirage.



NISSAN has given the compact crossover a shot in the arm with its radical-looking Juke.

A lot to expect from Suzuki's Swift Sport

'Campi-han' spells success...

Biggest display

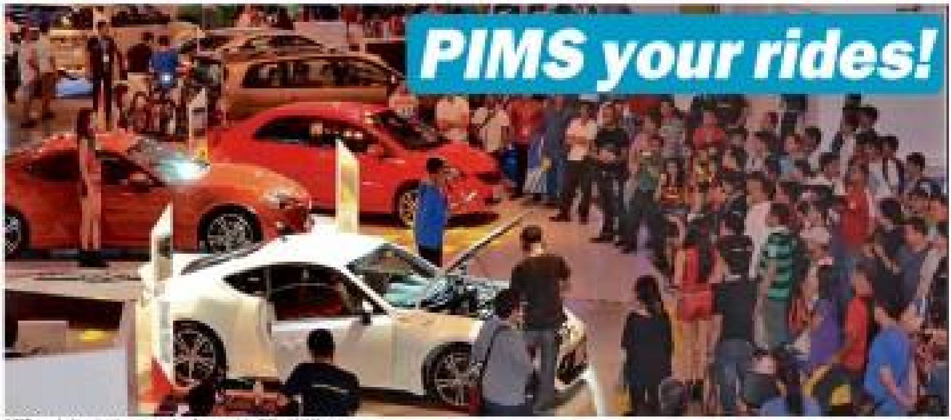
The motor show's bright, gray spots, post 'Habagat'



Road accident reduction

Gray spots

PIMS your rides!



A BIG crowd witnessing the presentation of new models of Mitsubishi Motors.



COLUMBIAN AUTOCARS Corp. president Dina Domingo joining the fun at the Kia presentation.



WITH THE Toyota FT86 are (from right) TMPC executives Santos Guerrero, Yoji Esta, Michinobu Sugata, Alfred Ty and Raymond Rodriguez.



AT THE Mitsubishi booth with Tourism Secretary Jimenez and Campi president Gutierrez are MMPC executives VP Akihiro Yamada, FVP Danilo Santos, SVP Bobby Alvarez, president and CEO Mitsuhiro Shibata, EVP Tetsu Furuhashi and VP Froy Dytianquin.



ASIAN Carmakers Corp. president Maricar Parco (left) and ACC executive director for sales and marketing Glen Dasig.



JOINING presenters at the launch of two new Daewoo buses are businessman Pepito Alvarez, Campi's Gutierrez and Mar Regis.



GARY V and Martin Nievera headline the Toyota/Lexus presentation.



ISUZU executives Joseph Bautista and Timmy de Leon with Team Isuzu Philippines.



TONY Tuviera of the Boys Night Out group interviews Honey Mae Limjap at the presentation of the Nissan Juke.



CATS Motors president Felix Ang and Brian Bradley of Chrysler.



SUZUKI PH president Tomoki Uchida and Shozo Hoshikawa, SPI general manager automobile division, pose with the Suzuki Kizashi.



THE NEW Orion of JMC is introduced.



HONDA Phils. president Tatsuya Nakazono presents the CRZ.



MARTIN Nievera performs beside the Lexus LFA.

Next generation Optima set Kia's new design direction

By Charles E. Buban

THE NEXT-GENERATION Optima premiered during the recently concluded 4th Philippine International Motor Show lives up to the current high standard and give buyers a reason to switch from the established class leaders.

But that is just a part of what Kia has in store for its market as it sets new expectations when the Korean car brand displayed an impressive line of automobiles, namely the Sorento, Carnival, Sportage, Soul, Rio and Picanto.

Themed around "Surpassing Expectations," the all-new Optima sports distinctive styling and upscale interior that is sure to stand out among the midsize sedans already available in the market. Consumers can rest assured they will definitely appreciate its price tag: P1.488 million.

According to Peter Schreyer, Kia's chief design officer, the next generation Optima possesses the power to surprise adding that the new Optima is a car that people will simply not expect from Kia. "And that's exactly what we set out to achieve," he said.



AN ATHLETIC confidence from every angle

Athletic confidence

The new Optima exudes an athletic confidence from every angle—its naked roofline, the high and pronounced shoulder line of its sculpted flanks and its extended wheelbase are complemented by boldly flared wheel arches and a shallow glasshouse that create a saloon with a muscular and well-centered stance.

The striking visage of the Optima features a new interpretation of Kia's bold "tiger" face that's edged by piercing projector headlamps.

Longer, wider and lower than before, the Kia's coupe-like profile is enhanced by the sweeping chrome arc that flows from A to C pillar, a distinctive design motif that visually lowers the car further still and enhances its cab-backwards proportions.

The Optima (2.4 EX) will be available in 6-speed automatic variant and powered by 2.4-liter Theta II gasoline engine (with Dual CVVT) that generates a maximum output of 177 horsepower and maximum torque of 231.4 Nm.

Other exciting features included are steering wheel mounted controls, 18-inch alloy wheels, glove box cooling, leather seats, panoramic double sunroof, full auto-climate controls, and rear parking assist.



COLUMBIAN Autocar Corp. VP for marketing Dodie Gloria (r) together with (second from left) Kia Motors Corp. Asia regional headquarters manager Peter Phoon, Kia Motors Corp. Asia regional headquarters president Soon-Pil Choi, Columbian Autocar Corp. president Glen Domingo and Kia Motors Corp. Asia regional headquarters marketing manager Sean Shin.



THE STRIKING visage of the Optima features a new interpretation of Kia's bold "tiger" face.

Driver-oriented cabin

Spacious, and with class-leading levels of safety and luxury equipment, the Optima's intelligently configured and driver-oriented cabin embodies this newfound poise and presence.

According to its designers, the new Optima offers occupants both space and comfort with a number of standard convenience features: the sedan's chic cabin unifies with the exterior design by welcoming its passengers with clean and ergonomic seat design and effective storage throughout.

Modern (standard) features such as memory adjustable driver's seat with power lumbar support, illuminated vanity mirrors and a trip computer further expand the cabin's luxurious qualities. "The new Optima embodies Kia's confident new design direction," Schreyer said. "It's a global car with individual appeal."



THE NEW Optima is a global car with an individual appeal.



Isuzu to the Max

Isuzu presents trusty models at 4th Philippine International Motor Show

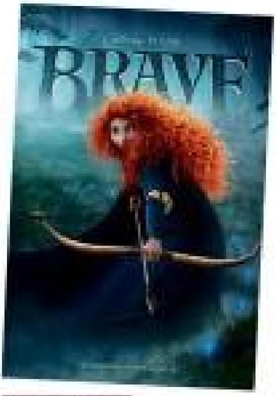




LIFESTYLE Parenting

There's no handbook for mother-daughter relationships

'Brave' is an animated movie that delves into this most basic and fundamental bond of all



Audrey Tan-Zubiri



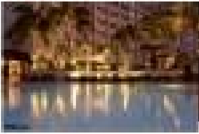
MAMA DIARIES

MOVE OVER Belle, Ariel and Cinderella. There's a new princess in town. [illegible]

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Collision course

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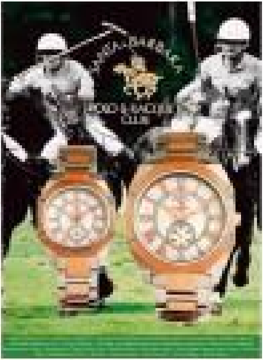


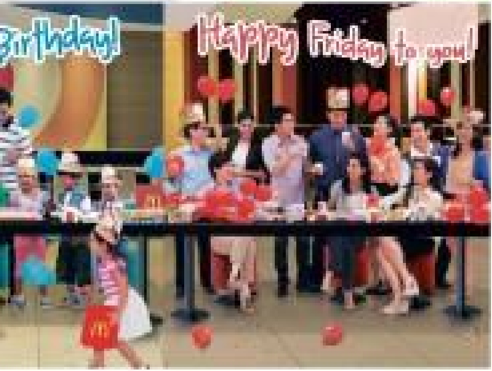

Fighting the battle of the baby bulge










Birthday!
Happy Friday to you!

New-generation smart TVs unveiled



There's no handbook

Not 'best friends'

Slots available for healing pilgrimage to Tarlac

HTC Smartphone is for style mavens

Registration open for Adidas King of the Road

LIFESTYLE Home&Entertaining



The perfect place to 'shop with a conscience'

The Spirit of Asia Gift Gallery is a project of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, and showcases the best of the region to earn money for selected projects

By Margo C. Enriquez
Contributor

AS A REACTION to a sluggish global economy, conscientious shopping has become the norm.

More stores are coming up with unique concepts, where the merchandise uses recyclable materials to lessen carbon footprint, provides livelihood to indigent communities, or raises funds for an advocacy.

The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF) recently launched Spirit of Asia Gift Gallery, which aims to provide income for its projects.

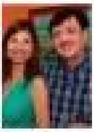
"Since the foundation is nonprofit, this gift gallery is not a business proposition," explains Consuelo Abella, president of RMAF. "We don't call it a store. It's our way of promoting the craftsmanship in the Philippines and Asia, particularly in countries where our awardees are based.

"Many work in communities which engage local artisans. Spirit of Asia serves as a showcase for these beautiful things to a wider market. We wanted to connect the gift gallery with the foundation to raise resources for our programs such as the Leadership Institute. Each purchase is actually a donation to the Foundation. It will help in our work of promoting quiet, ethical leaders who are trying to change their societies."

The gift gallery opens in time for the annual Ramon Magsaysay Awards on Aug. 31.



MARCO and Kyla Molepo, Maymeen Cuenco



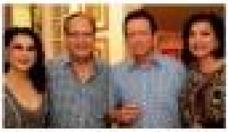
JOANNE Roa Ramirez and husband Ed



[illegible] Jerry and [illegible], Bob Miller and Ann Puno



[illegible], Marian Ong and [illegible] Ong



VICKY Zubiri, Henry Zubiaro, Gov. Joe Zubiri, Jojo Zubiri



THE PUNOS (from left): Luis, mom Ann Santa Cruz, Romeo, [illegible] and birthday celebrator Remi T. Puno, Yugo



LOVEY [illegible] and Remi Puno



SEATED: [illegible], Tony Zubiaro, [illegible]. Standing: [illegible], Remi Puno, [illegible]

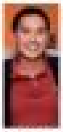


ISRAELI-PHILIPPINES Chamber president [illegible], Qatar Airways manager [illegible]



SEATED: [illegible]. Standing: [illegible], Remi Puno, [illegible]

Whiskey-tasting makes boys forget where they parked their big toys





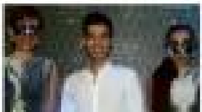
MIGUEL Herrera, [illegible], Gov. Joe Zubiri, [illegible]



CHEF Neil Ramos with his excellently prepared Mediterranean fare



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ERIC Cruz with the Johnnie Walker Ladies



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RENATO "REMI" T. Puno, managing partner of Zubiri, Puno and Associates (ZPA), celebrated his birthday with his wife and [illegible], Ann Santa Cruz, and their children Romeo, Yugo and Luis.

[illegible]

The mix of personalities included [illegible] Helen Ong, who came with daughter Monica, Qatar Airways country manager [illegible] [illegible] Tony Zubiaro, [illegible] and Miguel Herrera and Eva Gallos of Cebu [illegible]

[illegible]

Cheers, [illegible]

Platinum whiskey

Diageo Philippines [illegible] Johnnie Walker Platinum label, [illegible] blended Scotch whisky John Walker & Sons has ever created.

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH



Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen

[illegible]

Johnnie Walker [illegible] [illegible] and the new [illegible] Scotch whisky is crafted for the "new whisky set."

[illegible]

Led by Johnnie Walker Reserve brand ambassador Jeremy Lee, [illegible]

[illegible]

Fe Silo, marketing manager of Diageo Philippines, [illegible]

[illegible]

Philam Life marks 65th year

One of the country's biggest and most trusted life insurance companies, Philam Life, marked its 65th anniversary during a gala dinner at the [illegible] Ballroom of Makati Shangri-La Hotel, [illegible]

The dinner also saw Philam Life [illegible] Trusted Brand Platinum Award by Reader's Digest, [illegible]

Philam Life also unveiled its new advertising campaign, dubbed "Real People, Real Stories," [illegible] AIA Group Limited, the largest independent publicly listed pan-Asian life insurance group in the world.

"Our partnership with AIA will provide a huge boost to Philam Life's mission," said Rex Mendoza, president and CEO. [illegible]

Honorees included Gordon Watson, EVP and regional managing director of AIA; Mark Tucker, AIA Group chief executive; [illegible]; Jessica Abaya, senior VP and head of marketing; and [illegible], executive director of Philam Life Foundation, Inc.

More info on Philam Life? Visit www.philamlife.com.



PHILAM Life president and CEO Rex Mendoza, [illegible], AIA Group chief executive Mark Tucker, AIA Group executive vice president and regional director Gordon Watson



PHILAM Life SVP Marketing head Jessica Abaya, [illegible] Philam Life Marketing [illegible]



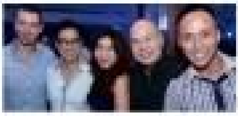


[illegible] Philam Life president Rex Mendoza, [illegible]

SOC Rex Mendoza, [illegible]



JOHNNIE Walker brand ambassador Jeremy Lee, Diageo Philippines Marketing manager Fe Silo, Diageo Philippines managing director [illegible]



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JASON [illegible]



HOSTS for the night: [illegible]



RAYMOND [illegible]



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The perfect place to shop . . .

Works of art

The perfect place to 'shop with a conscience'



CARMENCITA Abella, president of BMAB and Rachy Cuna, creative director of Spirit of Asia Gallery; bamboo painting and plate by Cuna

From page D3

Insider Odine Apostolo created antique-inspired jewelry.

Forever collections will offer more Asian merchandise such as stingray products from Indonesia and handwoven textiles from Ahmedabad, India.

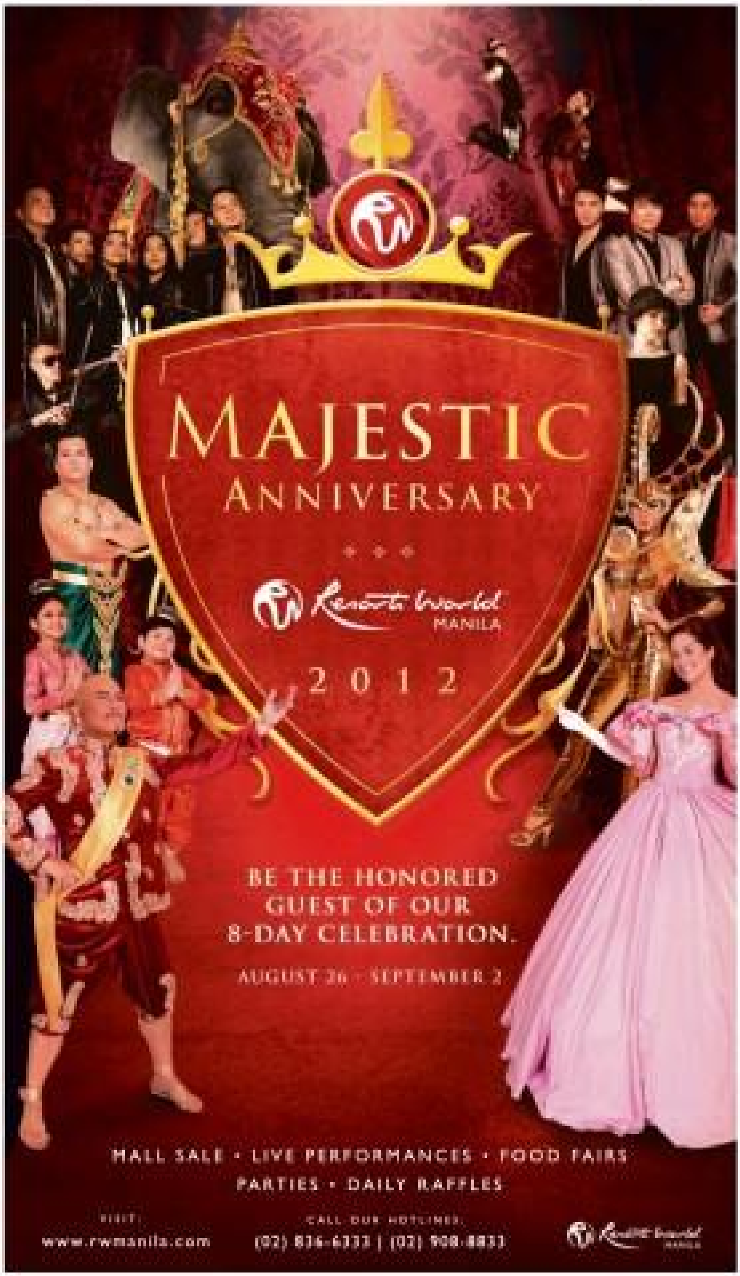
"We are servicing the corporate market, which is looking for one-of-a-kind, artistic and affordable gifts that would be treasured by their recipients. It's a fresh approach to fundraising. The merchandise serves a noble purpose—supporting the work of the foundation," underscores Abella.

Spirit of Asia Gift Gallery is at G/F Ramon Magsaysay Center, 1680 Roxas Blvd., Manila; tel. 5213166 loc 130.





HAMMERED metal bamboo trays by Bobby Castillo are accented with trailing leaves and bamboo in flat pots. At right, Eggo Bagtas's tabletop bamboo planters with jade bamboo and cuttings of Chinese bamboo





WORLD-FAMOUS waling-waling (Vanda sanderiana)

Orchid and garden show highlights native blooms

IN COOPERATION with the Quezon City Government and the Department of Tourism, the Philippine Orchid Society Inc. will be featuring native and flowering orchids in season such as the waling-waling at the 2012 Mid-year Orchid and Garden Show Aug. 31-Sept. 10 at Hardin ng mga Bulaklak, Quezon Memorial Circle, Quezon City.

With the theme "Gardening is More Fun in the Philippines," show highlights include the national orchid competition such as Best in Philippine Orchid species, Best Foreign Orchid species, Best Philippine Hybrids, Best Dendrobium, Best Cattleya, Best Vanda, Best Oncidium, Best in Orchid Culture and Best in Orchid Landscape.

There will also be floral and plant displays to feature rare covered orchids and ornamental plants.

Apart from the commercial exhibits offering materials needed for growing homes and gardens, there will be free daily lectures and demonstrations on various horticultural topics by industry practitioners, government agencies, health and wellness gurus, and respected agricultural experts. Some plants and other garden accessories will be raffled off to participants after the lectures.

Joe Golamco will talk on "Growing Vandaceous and Phalaenopsis Orchids" on Aug. 31. Zac Sarian will discuss "Money Making Opportunities in Fruit Trees" on Sept. 1-2. Vic de Guia will show the art of Chinese Bonsai and potted landscapes called Penjing.

Golamco will show how to grow pitcher plants on Sept. 3, while Jimmy Pinto will discuss "Guidelines in Landscaping Your House and Garden" on Sept. 4. On Sept. 5, Nerly Ranidan will tackle "Preventing and Controlling Pests and Diseases," and on Sept. 6, "Plant Nutrition and Urban Gardening" will be discussed by a representative of Allied Botanical Corp. Glen Romero will demonstrate "New Trends in Flower Arranging" on Sept. 7, and Maggie Go will show and tell "Growing Cattleya" on Sept. 8.

Retired professor Teresita S. Murillo will show and discuss terrarium-making and easy landscaping on Sept. 9. On Sept. 10, Rene Dollosa of Barobol will talk on growing silkworms.

Invited to formally open the show are former Vice President Noli de Castro, QC Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte and Rep. Cynthia Villar.

For other details about the show, call 0917-8483469, e-mail philorchidsociety@gmail.com; visit www.philippineorchidsociety.com.

ENTERTAINMENT

Elvis in their blood





'Amorosa' a challenge for Angel

By Allan Policarpio

Focus on acting

A movie about love in all its stages


Chris Martinez

By Marinel R. Cruz

Dream project

Love theme

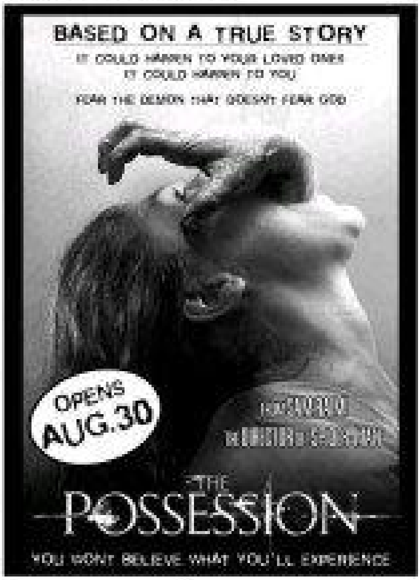
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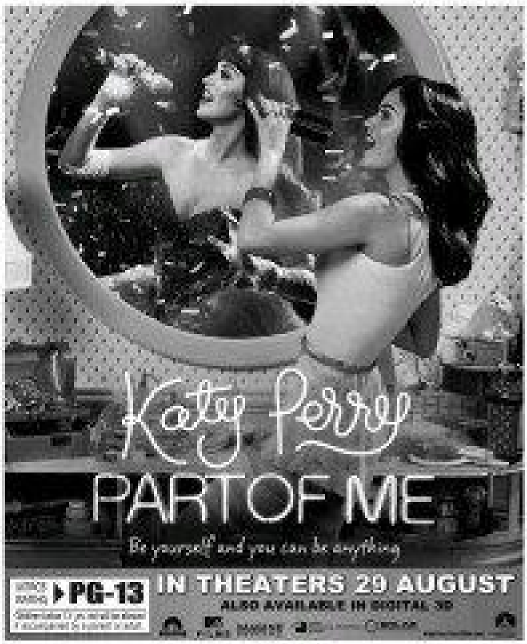
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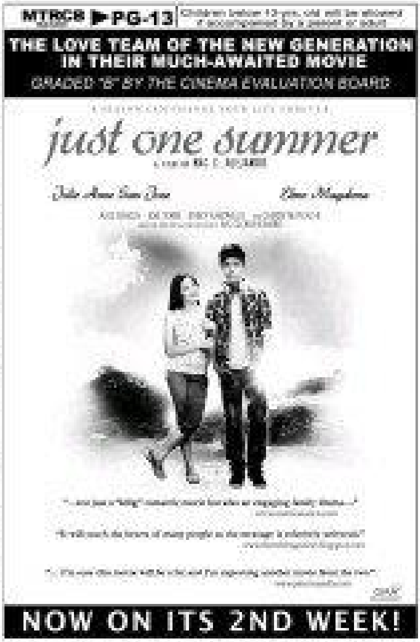
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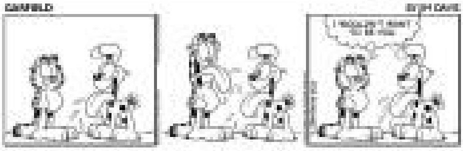




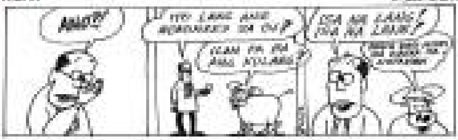




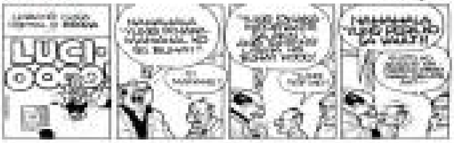
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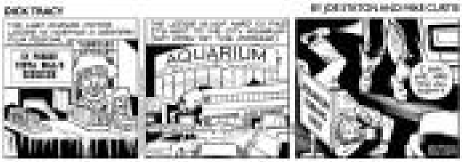
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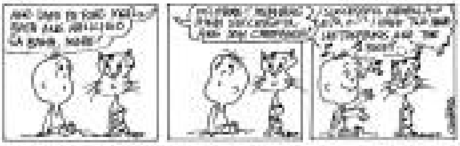
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DICK TRACY — BY JOE STATON AND MIKE CURTIS



LOVEKNOTS



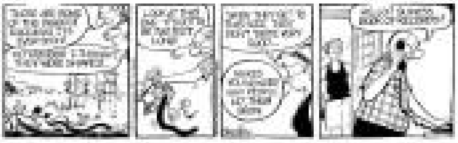
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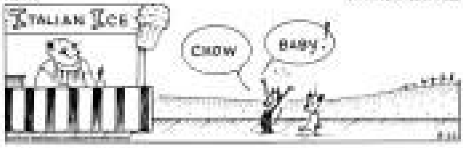
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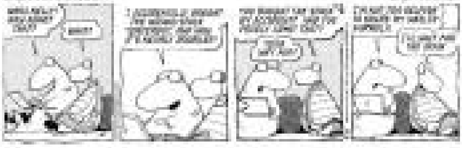
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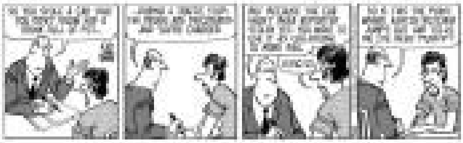
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SHERMAN'S LAGOON — BY JIM TOOMEY



DUSTIN — BY STEVE KELLEY AND JEFF PARKER





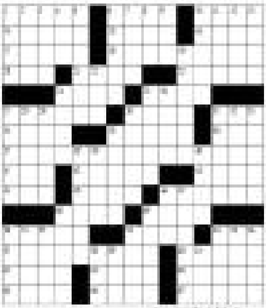
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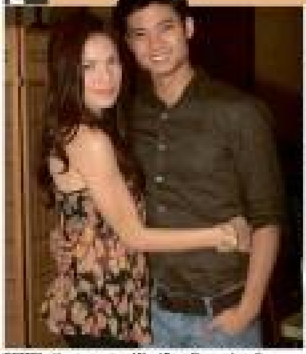
HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE





TORRES with screen partner Mikael Daez. She gave herself a deadline to make it in the biz.

Andrea Torres: The wait is over

By Marinel R. Cruz

Big break

Dual role

Persistence finally pays off for young actor-balladeer

By Allan Policarpio
Contributor

Will power

Star-struck



BRIAN Termulo

ENTERTAINMENT



CHEER FACTOR


DEMI LOVATO

Happy birthdays!

HOLLYWOOD stars who turned a year older this past week:

Aug. 19: Peter Gallagher turned 57; Kyra Sedgwick, 47; Matthew Perry, 43. Aug. 20:


KIM CATTRALL

Led Zep's Robert Plant turned 64; Joan Allen, 56; Demi Lovato, 20.

Yesterday: Kim Cattrall turned 56; Hayden Panettiere, 23.

Today: Tears for Fears' Roland Orzabal turns 51; Tori Amos, 49; Ty Burrell, 45.

Tomorrow: Jay Mohr turns 42. Aug. 24: Steve Guttenberg turns 54; Marlee Matlin, 47; Rupert Grint, 24. *AP*


RUPERT GRINT



Comparing apples and oranges on 'Protégé'



VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre



JUDGES

Pipe dream

Angelica should go 'derek' to the point

DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal



Fresh take

Aces Guy on cam

Good chemistry

Opening Today

Mga Mumunting Lihim

Guni-Guni

Total Recall

Hope Springs





PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

HOUSEHOLD

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TRANSPORTATION FOR SALE

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TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

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BUY JEWELRY DIAMOND GOLD ROLEX, ETC.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



RYAN NEIL B. EMANO

The above-mentioned person has resigned from, and is no longer connected with, Pepsi-Cola Products Philippines, Inc. effective 10 July 2012.

Said resignation was accepted without prejudice to any action that said Company may have with respect to his pending accountabilities.

Any transactions entered into by Mr. Emano on behalf of Pepsi-Cola Products Philippines, Inc. shall not be honored.

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

CHEMONICS

Deputy Chief of Party

BRIGHTSKIES TRAVEL AND TOURS, INC.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



NOTICE OF RESOLUTION

SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION

OBITUARIES

On his 2nd Death Anniversary

"I am the resurrection and life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever believes in Me will never die." – John 11:25-26

In Loving Memory of Our Dearly Beloved

VICENTE SY ORTIN

(October 9, 1920 – August 22, 2010)

Holy masses will be offered at the following churches:

Archdiocesan Shrine of Nuestra Sra. De Guia, Ermita, Manila	6:30 am
National Shrine of Our Lady of Peace and Voyage, Antipolo City	6:00 am
San Jose de Trozo Church, Masangkay St., Sta. Cruz, Manila	6:00 am 6:00 pm
Minor Basilica of San Lorenzo Ruiz, Binondo, Manila	6:45 am 12:15 pm 5:30 pm
Santisimo Rosario Parish Church, UST Espana	7:00 am
National Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Baclaran, Parañaque City	10:00 am
Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene, Quiapo Church, Manila	12:00 pm

PROFOUNDEST THANKS

From the **Lagman** and **Castelar** families
to all those who condoled with them
and shared their grief
on the demise of the late

CECILIA CASTELAR-LAGMAN

a loving wife, mother and grandmother;
a courageous matriarch;
an indomitable spirit;
a relentless human rights advocate; and
a dedicated public school teacher.

"Even when I walk through a dark valley, I fear no harm, For you are at my side, your rod and staff give me courage..." Psalm 23:4

On his 5th Death Anniversary

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"Well done, good and faithful servant…enter into the joy of your Master."
Matthew 25:23

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of

JESSE MANALASTAS ROBREDO

SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT



who peacefully joined our Creator on August 18, 2012, at the age of 54.

The DILG family joins the entire nation in mourning the loss of, and in praying for the eternal repose of his soul.

Sec. Robredo, who also served as mayor of Naga City for almost two decades, was a firm believer of reform, and a staunch advocate of clean, honest, transparent and accountable governance.

His remains now lie in state in Naga City.
Other details and schedule of interment will be announced later.

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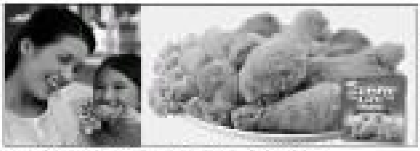


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